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GUEVARA IN PRAGUE

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(TEXT) MAJ. ERNESTO GUEVARA ARRIVED IN PRAGUE SUNDAY ON HIS WAY HOME FROM THE USSR. ON HIS ARRIVAL IN PRAGUE, MAJOR GUEVARA SAID THAT THE TALKS HE HAD WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES ON SETTING UP A MODERN STEEL PLANT WERE VERY SATISFACTORY. "THE BASIC MISSION OF OUR TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION," THE CUBAN MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES SAID, "WAS TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FULL-CYCLE SIDERURGY IN CUBA. ALL NEGOTIATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT WITH THE GREATEST SUCCESS, AND THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE PRIOR STUDIES WHICH MUST BE MADE WILL BE AVAILABLE BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, FOR THE FINAL DECISION."

FURTHER ON, MAJOR GUEVARA ADDED: "IN THE USSR WE SPOKE WITH PRIME MINISTER KHRUSHCHEV AND DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF MATTERS OF INTEREST PERTAINING TO THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. WE EXPLAINED TO HIM IN DETAIL ABOUT THE CONSTANT AGGRESSIONS DIRECTED AGAINST OUR PEOPLE." IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT EXCHANGE OF NOTES BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES SAID: "THESE THREATS FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ARE ANOTHER PROVOCATION AGAINST OUR PEOPLE, BUT AS FIDEL SAID, CUBA WILL NEVER BE FRIGHTENED BY THEM."

MAJOR GUEVARA ARRIVED IN PRAGUE ACCOMPANIED BY NATIONAL ORI LEADER CAPT. EMILIO ARAGONES. THEY WERE RECEIVED BY CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER VACLAV DAVID, CUBAN AMBASSADOR RAUL ROA KOURI, AND OTHER CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE CUBAN LEADERS WILL SPEND TWO DAYS IN PRAGUE AT THE INVITATION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT AND THEN RETURN TO CUBA.

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